



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No.10

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 15 of the Indiana Constitution.

Synopsis: English as official language of Indiana. Provides that the English language is the official language of the State of Indiana. Requires all laws, rules, official documents, orders, transactions, proceedings, programs, meetings, publications, or actions enacted, adopted, issued, conducted, regulated, or taken by, on behalf of, or representing the state or a political subdivision of the state to be in the English language except as provided by laws enacted by the General Assembly or required by federal law. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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Walorski**

January 16, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 15 of the Indiana Constitution by adding a new Section concerning general provisions.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
3 Fifteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to
4 the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 15 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
6 STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED BY ADDING A **NEW**
7 SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS: **Section 11. (a) The English**
8 **language is the official language of the State of Indiana.**
9 **(b) Except as:**
10 **(1) provided by laws enacted by the General Assembly; or**
11 **(2) required by federal law;**
12 **all laws, rules, official documents, orders, transactions,**
13 **proceedings, programs, meetings, publications, or actions enacted,**

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- 1 adopted, issued, conducted, regulated, or taken by, on behalf of, or
- 2 representing the state or a political subdivision of the State shall be
- 3 in the English language.

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